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SUBJECT: AMIN' S MAY DAY ADDRESS

1. PRESIDENT AMIN' S MAY DAY ADDRESS CONTAINED NO SURPRISES, AND ONLY THREATS MADE WERE AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA AND RHODESIA.

2. AMIN ANNOUNCED THAT THE ECONOMIC WAR HAD BEEN WON BUT AT SAME TIME SAID SECONDPHASE, CALLED OPERATION GENERAL AMIN, WOULD NOW BEGIN. (COMMENT: EMBASSY WAS UNDER IMPRESSION WE HAD ALREADY GONE THROUGH, AND WON, THREE PHASES.)

3. OPERATION GENERAL AMIN IS AIMED AT " DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY AND LIBERATION OF AFRICA". PRESIDENT SAID HE WANTED EVERY AFRICAN COUNTRY TO BE ASSIGNED TO CAPTURE AN AREA IN MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA OR RHODESIA TO SEE WHO COULD ACCOMPLISH HIS ASSIGNMENT FIRST.

4. AMIN EXPLAINED THAT AFRICAN NATIONS MUST ACHIEVE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE FIRST AND THEN STRENGTHEN THEIR ARMIES AND UNITE

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WITH OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS TO " ATTACK IMPERIALISTS" RESIDING
IN AFRICA.

5. AMIN STATED THAT AFRICAN SHOULD NOT CRITICISE OTHER
AFRICAN NATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR ARMED FORCES AND
PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE UNDER THE MISAPPREHENSION THAT HE WAS
STRENGTHENING UGANDA' S ARMED FORCES TO FIGHT ANOTHER AFRICAN
COUNTRY.

6. COMMENT: AMIN' S STATEMENT RE STRENGTHENING ARMED FORCES
FOLLOWS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY " MILITARY SPOKESMAN" THAT
AIRCRAFT FROM A FRIENDLY COUNTRY ARE LANDING IN UGANDA WITH
HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE ARMY AND THAT THE PEOPLE
SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED OR CONFUSED BY THIS ACITIVITY.
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